

## BOOK INQUIRY IS CONCLUDED

Spicy Testimony Given  
On the Final Day of  
Investigation.

## LIBRARY EMPLOYEES OCCUPY STAND

Some of Them Testify Against  
Mr. Kennedy, and Mr. Eggleston  
Talks at Length of  
Book Prices — Hot  
Firing Toward  
the End.

After a fiery session, lasting nearly three hours, Chairman Byrd, of the school book investigating committee, at 1:07 P. M. yesterday, declared the inquiry closed, and all parties in interest seemed relieved, for the performance has been indeed a strenuous one.

The transcript of the evidence will be got out as rapidly as possible by the official stenographer, and each member will draw a separate report. They will then meet here, compare notes and agree upon their ultimate findings. These findings will deal with the single book question, as well as with library affairs.

The report will be unanimously for the single book list, and indications are that it will not be favorable to Librarian Kennedy.

It is possible that on this latter point, which became a striking one in the final days of the inquiry, there will be a division, but this is not at all certain. If there is a division, chances are that it will be two to one against the librarian.

### Rumors of Shaking Up.

The matter has created a great deal of interest in Richmond. It was rumored yesterday evening that the Library Board would probably dismiss the employees who have testified against Mr. Kennedy, but, of course, this was but a rumor, as the members of the board have not met since the investigation ended.

Hon. Charles V. Meredith was seen last night and asked what would be the probable course of the board. He could not say further than that there would probably be a meeting within the next week or ten days, when matters relating to the inquiry would in all likelihood be considered.

Under the resolution creating the committee and outlining its powers and duties, the body is directed to report only to the Legislature. The committee can take no action further than to report. The Library Board may, however, take the matter up and act as it sees fit.

### May Be Two Months.

It will probably be two months before the committee finally drafts its report. It will then be given to the press for publication. Hardly a session of the body has been more interesting than that held yesterday. Four library employees, Messrs. Evans, Berkeley and Torrence and Mrs. Minor, gave testimony which tended to batter the armor of Mr. Kennedy.

Mr. Evans swore positively that Mr. Kennedy told him it was Putnam who had offered him a sum of money to write a history of Virginia.

Mr. Berkeley testified as to the alleged overcharges on novels and produced certain titles designed to prove his contention.

Mr. Torrence's testimony related to the Burke's History transaction, and was to the effect that another set of the works was badly needed in the library.

### A Strong Statement.

Mrs. Minor's statement was clear and strong. Mrs. Evans had previously said that Mr. Kennedy gave him orders not to buy any more books from itself, and when Mrs. Minor came on the stand, she declared that she was told by the librarian practically the same thing, and that after the inquiry was over it was very likely that the library would buy no more books in Richmond. The real heart of the session, however, was Mr. Meredith's searching cross-examination of Superintendent Eggleston, who testified at great length. Mr. Meredith was persistent in his manner, and the witness finally grew into the same mood.

They cross-fired at one another for a long time, but it cannot be said that Mr. Meredith drew from the witness many of what lawyers would call "fatal admissions."

### On His Mettle.

Mr. Eggleston got on his mettle toward the end of the colloquy, and fired some hard shots at Putnam. He declared with great emphasis that the bid of the Educational Publishing Company was far below the figures at which Putnam had furnished the books to the library, and taking in his hand the much-discussed handbook, "Snow Bound," which was put in at \$1.67, exclaimed:

"Mr. Kennedy to be very frank with you, I say that Putnam had no right to put this book off on you when a serviceable edition for traveling school libraries could be bought for twenty cents. It is a reflection on you, sir, and a reflection on Putnam."

Mr. Eggleston finally said, however, that he did not blame Mr. Kennedy, as he knew he was pressed for time and could not personally examine all the titles.

The inquiry closed with a long wrangle between Messrs. Meredith and Eggleston over the prices of books, but the latter stood by his guns and never would admit that Putnam's prices were nearly so low as the figures set out in the bid of the Educational Publishing Company.

## SESSION YESTERDAY.

### Committee Hears More Witnesses

### and Concludes Hearing.

The committee met shortly after 10 o'clock, and Mr. Meredith made a brief statement, in which he said that the fair comparison between the bid of the Educational Publishing Company

## GIVES ROADCAP FIVE YEARS IN THE STATE PRISON

Killed Man With Knife Less  
Than Three Inches in  
Length.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
HARRISONBURG, VA., February 8.—Charles Roadcap was today found guilty by a jury in the Circuit Court of Rockingham, and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary, for killing Philip Ritchie in Brock's Gap Christmas night last. The trial occupied five days, and the jury was given the case yesterday afternoon, and adjourned over until this morning. In a drunken brawl at the home of Ritchie's daughter, near Fulk's Run, Ritchie was stabbed in the heart. Ritchie had ordered Roadcap to leave the premises, and the two were scuffling when Roadcap thrust the blade into his victim's side. Ritchie chased his assailant some distance after he was cut, and returned to the house, where he dropped on the floor. Thinking that he was only drunk, his daughter left him lying there until the next morning. Roadcap admitted the killing to the officers, and said he was acting in self-defense. A singular feature of the case was that the blade of the knife with which Roadcap said he did the cutting was less than three inches in length, while the wound in the side was two inches deep. Ritchie was cut through an overcoat, corduroy jacket and two or three suits of underclothing.

## COMMITTEE NAMED FOR NEW BUILDING

Annual Meeting of Board of Directors of Y. M. C. A. Held  
Last Night.

The annual meeting of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association was held in the blue room of the central building last night, and many matters of importance came up for consideration.

The report of the new-building campaign committee was presented, showing that the committee had raised \$28,661.43, including the donation of \$25,000 by Miss Helen M. Gould. The campaign committee was thanked for the work it had done, and relieved of further duty.

A building committee, consisting of President O. A. Hawkins, General Secretary S. K. McKee, Building Treasurer W. J. Whitehurst, Mr. John B. Minor, and Mr. F. T. Sutton, was appointed to take charge of matters pertaining to the securing of an architect for plans for the erection of a building.

The committee was requested to report to the board of directors at a called meeting to be held next Friday night. The new building committee's office is now in the blue room of the central building, and will be open from 8 to 5 every day.

The first instalment of pledges is due on March 1st, and all moneys will be received whenever people are ready to send them in. Checks are to be made payable to W. J. Whitehurst, treasurer of the new-building committee.

The annual election of officers was gone into, with the following result: Mr. O. A. Hawkins, president; Mr. W. J. Whitehurst, first vice-president; Mr. John B. Minor, second vice-president; James Lee Anderson, third vice-president; Mr. Oliver J. Sands, treasurer, and Mr. S. K. McKee, general secretary.

## DECIDE TO SPEND TEN THOUSAND

Presbyterians Prepare to Make  
Elaborate Exhibit at James-  
town Exposition.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., February 8.—A committee of the Northern and Hanover Presbyteries, which has in charge the movement for a denominational building and exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition, held an all-day session here today.

It was decided to spend \$10,000 on the building and exhibit, and the chairman, Rev. E. T. Wellford, of this city, will go to the Exposition grounds to-morrow to select a site. The educational and historical exhibits to be made in the Exposition building set aside for that purpose, only institutional exhibits being the purpose of the committee to interest the Presbyterian Church of the world in this project, and with that end in view the chairman will start to-morrow on a trip to New York, Baltimore, Pittsburg, Philadelphia, Washington and other cities.

Those attending the meeting to-day were: Rev. Isaac Campbell, D. D., Rev. W. M. G. Shields, Rev. J. E. Thacker, Rev. A. A. Robinson and F. F. Ferguson, of Norfolk; Rev. W. M. Moore, S. H. Hanes, Rev. J. E. Eggleston, and R. E. Magill, of Richmond; Rev. C. P. Rankin and J. W. Cratty, of Portsmouth; Rev. E. T. Wellford and Rev. W. M. Hunter, of this city.

## UNCLE SAM PAYS OVER THAT MILLION

Contract for the Loan to the Ex-  
position Executed in Norfolk  
Yesterday.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NORFOLK, VA., February 8.—The contract for the loan of \$1,000,000 to the Jamestown Exposition by the government, was signed in the city yesterday. The loan is payable as follows: On the passage of the act, \$250,000; during the month of January, \$250,000; during the month of February, \$250,000; during the month of March, \$250,000; during the month of April, \$100,000.

## POLICEMAN RESTORED SPEECH TO "DUMB" BEGGAR

Robert Forbes, a white man, about twenty-two years of age, was arrested yesterday by Officer S. W. Tomlinson on the charge of begging in the streets, and being taken to the Second Police Station, Forbes regained the use of his tongue and ears, and informed the police that he was from North Carolina. He will appear in the Police Court this morning, to answer to the charge of flim-flamming.

## NOW READY FOR WORK ON BUDGET

Has Heard Demands for  
\$1,500,000 More Than  
the Revenue.

## HIGH PRAISE FOR TWO DEPARTMENTS

Mayor Declares Present Chief of  
Police Is Most Efficient He  
Has Ever Known Here.

Notable Work of  
the Fire-  
Fighters.

The Finance Committee of the Council is now nearly ready to make up the annual budget for the year and to apportion the revenues of the city among the various departments and subdivisions of the municipal government. In brief, it may be stated that the estimated revenues available will be about \$2,300,000, and the drafts of the various departments and branches upon the funds for the year 1907 aggregate approximately \$3,857,000, or an excess of appropriations over revenues of about \$1,557,000.

Manifestly it will be impossible for the city to supply all its estimated needs, and it always is. Many of the departments have included recommendations of expenditures, which they have small expectation will be realized this year, and necessarily some scaling down is always done. In some of the estimates the needs of the annexed territory are embraced, and in others appropriations are asked which have been sought for several years in vain. In some cases, as in the matter of the Health Department, stress has been laid upon the fact that the estimate is not intended to be scaled, but is a bona fide close approximation of actual requirements.

The Fire Department's draft embraces several large demands for apparatus and men for the annexed territory, and the educational demands also embrace provisions for the schools brought into the city. A large proportion of the street cleaning department's estimate is to provide facilities for the new territory equal to that of the old. The figures for charities and almshouse are last year's reproduced, with the amount for new negro almshouse deducted. This year's figures will probably exceed this estimate.

### Session Last Night.

The Finance Committee held a meeting last night to hear representatives of the Fire Department, Police Department, Street Cleaning Department and various other branches of the municipal government in advocacy of their demands upon the budget. Nearly all the more important departments had already made their demands.

The Street Cleaning Department was represented by Mr. E. C. Williams, a member of the Council, and by Superintendent Henry J. Cohn; Fire Commissioners Levy, Frischkorn and Lecky spoke in behalf of the Fire Department, and spoke effectively.

Commissioners Landorick, Welsh and Duke, Clerk George Pollock, Mayor McCarthy and Chief of Police Werner appeared for the Police Department. These gentlemen explained the needs of their departments clearly and strikingly, and made earnest pleas for the appropriations asked. The Finance Committee had estimated for a 10 per cent. increase in salaries of the men in their draft on the budget, but the point was made that a would have to be provided for by ordinance before the Finance Committee could take the matter up.

The hearing before the committee was marked by two very striking statements made by men whose deliberate utterances carry weight and influence, and both the statements were highly commendable to the city government and to the departments affected.

In explaining the necessity of the \$10,000 appropriation asked for placing fire alarm wires underground, Mr. Robert Lecky, first commissioner on insurance and a fire commissioner with long experience, study of conditions and needs, stated that if the fire alarm wires had not been underground in the vicinity of Ninth and Cary Sts. department's history, made a profound impression upon the committee.

A little later Mayor McCarthy presented the importance of having the twelve mounted men asked for in the annexed territory and of the value of the patrol-box system. Incidentally he showed the great area which a patrolman in any portion of the city is required to cover, and pointed out that the boxes unerringly testified that the officers did cover these beats as best they could.

The Mayor attributed the excellent order in this city and the absence of startling crimes to the efficiency of the police to a great extent, and especially commended the personnel of the force as now constituted. A close climax of his statement was his voluntary testimony that in his judgment Major Louis Werner, the present chief of police, is the most efficient head of the department the city has had in the life-time of the speaker. The statement aroused a ripple of applause from the Finance Committee, and was acknowledged by Major Werner with a profound bow.

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## PORTRAIT OF MRS. HARRY THAW AS SHE SAT IN WITNESS CHAIR



"I SAID, MY GOD! HE  
HAD SHOT HIM."

—From the New York Herald.

## "TATTLE OF THE TENDERLOIN"

Jerome So Describes Mrs.  
Thaw's Pathetic Story  
of Her Past Life.

## PURSUED HER AFTER MARRIAGE

Prisoner's Wife Says That White  
Slandered Thaw and Made  
Her Sign Certain Papers  
Which He Purported  
Later to De-  
stroy.

NEW YORK, February 8.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw again to-day was the central figure at her husband's trial. She was still on the stand—her direct examination unfinished—when the usual week-end adjournment until Monday was taken.

Picking up the threads of her life where she had dropped them the evening before, the girl-wife of the defendant—always, she declared, telling her story just as she had related it to Harry Thaw from time to time—brought the narrative down to her wedding in Pittsburg, on April 4, 1905, and their return to New York following a honeymoon trip in the West. She declared she had heard White call to her on the street once after this, and that on another occasion when she passed him in a cab she noticed his cab turn around and follow her in the direction of a doctor's office, where she was going to have her throat treated.

### Will Testify Monday.

Mrs. Thaw had taken up the story at the time of her return from Europe in October, 1903, following her refusal of Thaw's offer of marriage, on the grounds which she related yesterday. On Monday she may be called upon to finish the story of the events which followed her marriage, and which she claimed by the defense, brought on the explosive impulse in the diseased brain of the defendant and caused the killing of Stanford White.

White to-day's testimony was lacking in the personal quality which made yesterday's recital so dramatic, so compelling, entrancing and pathetic. It served to clear away some of the doubts and inferences which remained from the incomplete details as to the full extent of the revelations she claims to have made to her husband.

There were repetitions, too, at the suggestion of counsel, of incidents which had not been gone over in the first years of Mrs. Thaw's acquaintance with Stanford White were brought out in completion of the life story.

### Defamation of the Dead.

District Attorney Jerome, who had through out the trial, directed the young wife's statement, sent a thrill of excitement through the courtroom late in the day by jumping to his feet and vigorously protesting against "this defamation of the dead."

"Is there no limit," he exclaimed, "to the aspersions that are to be cast upon this man? Your Honor well knows that I cannot, under the law, make any statement which remains might make against the memory of Stanford White."

In tones bitterly sarcastic, Mr. Jerome spoke of "this tattle of the tenderloin," and declared that the court had the right to limit such testimony "until competent evidence has been adduced here to show that this man is, or was, of unsound mind. We don't know whether this defendant ever was insane," he declared.

### White's Other Victims.

The question which called out the vehement protest was addressed to Mrs. Thaw by Mr. Delmas, and its purport was whether or not Harry Thaw had at any time told her about "other girls who had met a fate similar to yours at the hands of this man."

"What was that?" snipped Mr. Jerome. "Stanford White," replied Mr. Delmas, with the coolness of voice and manner characteristic of him, and then he added, in the same low tone: "Who else?"

Charles Fitzgerald held the district attorney's suggestion was a good one, and he thought the defense should lay a broader foundation to show insanity before proceeding along the lines suggested by Mr. Delmas's question.

"We will proceed to do this as soon as possible," announced the attorney.

Mrs. Thaw declared to-day that Stanford White, during the year which followed her experience in the room of the actor, had been badly sought to have her visit him alone.

White Urged Second Visit.

"I told Harry," she said, "that Mr. White had begged me, had pleaded and cried and begged, and done everything he could to make me come to see him alone. I refused, and he told me I was cruel and a human being. I told Mr. White I did not care to trust him."

After her return from Europe, and during the months she would not see Harry Thaw, "because of the dreadful things Mr. White and his friends told me about him," she declared Thaw accused her of having improper relations with the architect.

"I told him it was a lie, and that I had not," she testified, with an emphatic show of feeling.

"Jack" Barrymore.

The defense had Mrs. Thaw tell of another incident which has been cited in her life—her acquaintance with "Jack" Barrymore, the actor. Mr. Thaw of her acquaintance with the actor, she said she had first met Barrymore at a party given by Stanford White the year following her introduction to the architect.

"I thought him very nice," she frankly said to-day, "and one day at Mr. White's studio he said 'Evelyn, will you marry me?' I said 'I don't know.' He asked me a second time and again I said: 'I don't know,' and everybody laughed."

"Mr. White told me I would be very foolish to marry Mr. Barrymore, and my mother said so, too, and we all quarrelled and the upshot of the whole

## WAR IMMINENT IN CENTRAL AMERICA

President Diaz, of Mexico, Using  
Every Effort for  
Peace.

## U. S. SENDS DOWN WARSHIPS

Marietta on East Side and Chi-  
cago on West to Protect  
U. S. Interests.

MEXICO CITY, February 8.—The State Department made public the following note:

"President Diaz, acting on the direct suggestion of President Roosevelt, has sent a note to the governments of Costa Rica, El Salvador and Guatemala, asking them to use every effort to prevent an armed clash between Nicaragua and Honduras, with the intimation that past treaties must be lived up to, and that they will be referred to an arbitration board."

### Warships Sent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 8.—Carrying out the wishes of the State Department that a couple of American naval vessels be kept in Central American waters, the Navy Department has dispatched the gunboat Marietta from Guantanamo to Greytown, on the Gulf coast of Nicaragua, in addition to the cruiser Chicago, which has been sent down the west coast to Acapulco, Honduras, so that within a day or two there will be an American warship on each side of the scene of threatened trouble. The Yorktown, now at Mare Island, is not to go to Central America.

It is stated that the purpose of sending these ships to Central America is similar to that which inspired the order of the Marblehead last year, namely, to have a ship at the disposal of the American minister in each country, and to be necessary to travel up and down the coast in these countries where communication by regular channels is so limited. Also, they will, of course, protect any American property that may be endangered if disorders break out.

### War Inevitable.

Consul William F. Alger, at Tegucigalpa, Honduras, communicated yesterday with American Minister Combe in Guatemala City (the being also accredited to Honduras) that the opinion at Tegucigalpa was that war between Honduras and Nicaragua was almost inevitable. The officials here, however, do not take any such pessimistic view, and believe that the combined efforts of Mexico and America will, without offending the pride of the Central American republics, result in convincing them that their differences can be settled without recourse to arms.

Without admitting the accuracy of the statement from the City of Mexico, that at the instance of the Washington government, the Mexican diplomatic representatives in Central America had been instructed to bring

## MAKE CHANGES SAYS DR. BRUNK

Position New to Him, However,  
and Cannot Say What  
They Are.

## DR. FOSTER NOT TALKING

Says Transfer of Management  
Was Made as Quietly as  
Possible.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., February 8.—To-day has marked the end of the long drawn out fight by Dr. L. S. Foster for the retention of authority as superintendent of the Eastern State Hospital. The decision of the Supreme Court yesterday was, of course, the real end of the fight, but possession of the asylum was not taken formally by Dr. O. C. Brunk until this morning. Dr. Foster arrived here late yesterday afternoon, and at once offered to surrender the keys to Dr. Brunk. Dr. Brunk declined, however, to take charge as he had not qualified. This morning Dr. Brunk took the oath of office and assumed charge of the institution.

Dr. Brunk when questioned by your correspondent, to-night, as to any changes in the asylum he intended to make, stated that he had nothing to say along this line. "I am yet new to the place, and have not sufficiently familiarized myself with the institution to state definitely any of my plans," said Dr. Brunk. "The fact is changes will be made, but I do not yet know what they will be myself."

Dr. Foster when interviewed, said he had nothing to give out concerning his future plans.

"Everything relating to the surrendering of authority has passed off as quietly as possible," said Dr. Foster. "I arrived here on the 4:56 train yesterday afternoon and at once offered to surrender the keys of the institution to Dr. Brunk, who, however, would not take charge until this morning, as it was too late to qualify then."

"I have nothing further to give out," said Dr. Foster.

"Everything is quiet now after the recent upheaval, and the affairs of the institution are once more settling down into their usual channel. Williamsburg, after having been a central object of attention for nine months, has once more settled down to its wonted calm, and has again assumed its title of 'the quiet little city of Virginia.'"

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## TRIPLE HANGING ONE DAY'S WORK

One White Man and Two Negroes Pay Extreme  
Penalty.

## EACH MAKES CONFESSION

Before Going on Scaffold Men  
Said They Were Guilty and  
Deserved Penalty.

North Carolina had a triple hanging yesterday. A double execution occurred in Durham, and one other man paid the heaviest penalty in Greensboro. This is the first record of the kind, it is believed, the Old North State has known.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
DURHAM, N. C., February 8.—The double hanging today, in which John A. Hodges, the convicted wife-murderer, and Freeman Jones, the negro who was convicted of burglary and attempted criminal assault, answered to the penalty of the law, marked an epoch in the history of Durham county, and was the first hanging of its kind in North Carolina in years.

John Hodges, who was hanged almost on the anniversary of the order for his execution, this being enacted in February, 1905. Hodges and his wife had had several petty cases in court, and he had been fined heavily for beating his wife. Finally, she had a peace warrant served against him, and at the same time instituted divorce proceedings. A few days after this, Hodges went to his wife's house near midnight and broke into her room. After a short conversation with her he pulled her from the bed and shot her at his feet, while she pleaded for mercy. The older son interfered, but he was knocked down. Hodges was convicted at the May term of court, 1906.

On the scaffold to-day he made a short statement, saying that he held no malice against any one; that he was ready to die, and warned men not to be cruel to their wives and not to drink whiskey. The drop fell at 10:22, and he was pronounced dead at 10:52.

Freeman Jones confessed on the scaffold to-day that he was guilty of the crime charged against him. Neither one of the condemned men showed any fear or were the least nervous, and met death bravely.

Jones was hanged at 11:33, and was pronounced dead at 11:52.

Deputy Sheriff Harward hanged both men. Several hundred people gathered around the jail this morning, but only very few were admitted.

Bohannon Confesses.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
GREENSBORO, N. C., February 8.—Frank Bohannon, colored, died on the scaffold here to-day for killing R. L. Bechtelmann, a foreman, under whom he worked in double-tracking the Southern Railway.

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## WANAMAKER'S HOUSE BURNED: LOSS A MILLION

PHILADELPHIA, February 8.—Lyndhurst, the country home of John Wanamaker, at Joncktown, near this city, was completely destroyed by fire to-night. The loss will reach nearly \$1,000,000.

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